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Date: Fri, Apr 18.2003 2:27 PM
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Subject: Protect Children's Television!

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From: Karl J. Novak
To: vermont@jeffords.senate.gov, senator-leahy@leahy.senate.gov,
bernie@mail.house.gov
Date: Fri, Apr 18, 2003 5:54 PM
Subject: Deregulation of Media

Dear Senator Jeffords, Senator Leahy and Representative Sanders:

I have just become aware of the FCC thrust to further deregulate the media by lifting the caps on ownership of media outlets. FCC Commissioner Copps visited our community recently and said that none of the FCC Commissioners or the public know what has been included in the new proposal, but it will be voted on in about one and one-half months. This is the first time that I have been concerned about a major potential change in society without knowing exactly what that change entails and how extensive its impact.

I can only surmise that a full deregulation could result in one multi-media corporation owning all the newspapers, TV and radio stations in my community. Consequently, there would be one self-serving voice to the public, a potential dictator of scurrilous advertising rates and an over-powering incentive to squelch opinions and perspectives from readers, listeners and viewers. This would be the ultimate disservice and create a society best described in **Orwell's** 1984.

I consider the possible deregulation of media to be the item of primary concern that I have at this moment. To date, the media have done a shoddy job of fulfilling their commitment of serving the public interest. Further consolidation will only exacerbate the trend to see how fast media conglomerates can stampede to the bottom in the pursuit of profit.

I implore you to contact Chairman Powell and firmly request that he implement the following actions, so that the public is informed and has an opportunity to influence the outcome of this potential deregulation of the media.

- Publish the proposed regulations.
- Provide a copy of the proposed regulations to all concerned citizens (individuals who have expressed their thoughts to the FCC).
- Schedule a minimum of eight public hearings throughout our country for public input.
- Establish a comment period of 120 days on the proposed regulations.

The public deserves a positive outcome, one which promotes a diverse regulated media that can proudly say it is a sustaining force in the social fabric of our nation.

I look forward to reading your thoughts and learning what actions you will take on the four specific requests enumerated above.

Thank you very much.
Karl J. Novak
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Hinesburg, VT 05461
482-6656

From: John Hurd
To: Undisclosed-Recipient::@fcc.gov
Date: Fri, Apr 18, 2003 6:16 PM
Subject: Reinstate the Fairness Doctrine

Dear Commissioner:

Regarding the upcoming FCC vote, further consolidation of the media in the false name of "deregulation" must be halted and in fact reversed. TV and radio news in the hands of a handful of profit-driven corporations has undermined our democracy more than any other modern force except the high cost of broadcast commercials during elections. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide crucial unbiased information to the public about most public issues, most notably the drive to war in Iraq. As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to break up the media conglomerates, to open the spectrum to a wide diversity of organizations and independent journalists, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Thank you,

John Hurd, a citizen concerned for democracy

Clinton, WA

From: Kara McLaughlin
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, Apr 18.2003 7:13 PM
Subject: my part in democracy

Ms. Abernathy,

I am disturbed that the FCC will be voting this June 2nd about media regulations that will affect all Americans profoundly, especially on their ability to partake in our democracy, and that you have not made concerted efforts to publicize **this** vote to the owners of the airways, the public! If it is the public's "property" should not the public be privy to this information that will directly affect them (including myself)?

I implore you to do what you were nominated to do, protect the public and our national airways, that are vital lifelines to our democracy. Thank you.

A concerned owner,
Kara McLaughlin

From: JANMEMA@aol.com
To: CommissionerAdelstein
Date: Fri, Apr 18, 2003 8:12 PM
Subject: FCC REGULATIONS FOR CELL PHONES

MY CELL PHONE WAS LOST AND SPRINT WILL NOT GIVE ME THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS THAT WERE CALLED SINCE THE PHONE WAS LOST. I CAN GET THE NUMBERS IN A MONTH WHEN MY BILL COMES OUT, BUT BY THEN, THE PHONE WILL BE LONG GONE. IF I COULD CALL TODAY, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET IT BACK BY CONTACTING SOME PARENTS OF CHILDREN CALLED.

I THINK THAT, AGAIN, THERE **IS** MORE CONCERN FOR THE CRIMINALS THAN FOR THE VICTIMS!!!!

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY I CANNOT GET THE NUMBERS. WHAT **IS** THE GREAT BIG DEAL?!!!!

I THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION IN THIS MATTER.

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To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, Apr 18, 2003 9:04 PM
Subject: FCC don't allow media monopolies

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To: KathleenAbernathy
Date: Fri, Apr 18.2003 9:32 PM
Subject: Preserve Media Diversity: Keep the FCC Rulemaking an Open Process

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Dear FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy,

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is currently considering sweeping changes to broadcast ownership rules. Repeal or significant modification of these rules would likely open the door to numerous mergers that could reduce competition and diversity in the media.

Before the media ownership rules are issued in final form, the public must have the opportunity to review and comment on any specific changes the Commission plans to make.

If media ownership rules are seriously weakened, one company in a town could control the most popular newspaper, TV station, and possibly even a cable system giving it dominant influence over the content and slant of local news. Such a move would reduce the diversity of cultural and political discussion in a community. It could also raise costs for businesses and candidates that use local media for advertising.

While the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on media ownership, it proposed no actual rule. Accordingly, no public comment has been received on any specific changes. We believe that additional input from the public will help the Commission see the strengths and weaknesses of any new approach.

I encourage you to provide a detailed description of all proposed changes, their empirical basis, and a meaningful period of time for the public to review and comment on any proposed changes before a final rule is issued.

The stakes for citizens and the nation are enormous. More information, not less, about proposed changes **would best serve the public interest. indeed, we hope** the Commission would do everything in its power to keep the rulemaking process as open and inclusive as possible.

Sincerely,

hussain marrar
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Normal, Illinois 61761

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To: Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, 'fcc.gov',
Date: Sat, Apr 19, 2003 12:30 AM
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From: Wendy Stacy
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, Apr 19, 2003 6:34 AM
Subject: Television and radio broadcasts

Dear sir:

Please stand your ground when it comes to the so called, "Entertainment" that is broadcast via radio and television in this country. According to the Parents Television Council (PTC) you are above the crowd. Keep up the good work. I am so tired (sad and disappointed as well) of what I **see** on television and hear on the radio stations. It seems to me that there are no limits and no one is even paying attention to what is out there! I turn the channels and shut off the radio and TV in disgust. I am amazed that what I see and hear is allowed to be broadcast on the airwaves! This is for the public. Not something that you can walk up to a magazine rack and select. The sex and obscenities are being broadcast continuously on TV and radio for men, women and CHILDREN to tune in.

I do not tune in. I tune out. We deserve better than obscenities, sex and degradation.

I pay attention to what the PTC is doing because they are a necessary voice for people who ARE concerned about what is going on. Garbage in-garbage out. Adult magazines, videos and shows are out there for those who want it. They can freely choose to buy that kind of entertainment if (in their adult choices) that is what they prefer. But to have sexual scenes and sexual (raunchy is too mild a word here) talk radio go on and on via the public airwaves, is wrong! The line is crossed every day. I have to turn off the TV (or watch Public Television) and turn off the radio (or play my own music) to enjoy the time spent. What is being fed to the public is SO offensive it is distressing to have any exposure to it. If children are near, I always have to choose to shut it off! For their sake and my own.

Sincerely,
Wendy Stacy